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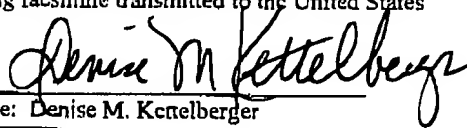
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, the date for timely response set to expire on August 20, 2002, Applicant timely submits the following Amendment within the two-month statutory date on Monday, July 22, 2002. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 40-57 and add new claims 58-59 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing all amendments is attached.

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Amend  
then

40. (Amended) A method for stimulating tyrosine phosphorylation of a Flt4 tyrosine kinase receptor in a Flt4-expressing cell, comprising contacting the cell with a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 21-49 of SEQ ID NO:3, in an amount effective to stimulate tyrosine phosphorylation of said Flt4 tyrosine kinase receptor.